

1 A RESOLUTION objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as
2 an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace.

3 WHEREAS, the people of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
4 have long cherished their positive relations with Israel; and

5 WHEREAS, it has always been a policy and philosophical belief of the United
6 States that a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will come through
7 direct, bilateral negotiations between the two parties; and

8 WHEREAS, it has also been a longstanding policy that the United States can and
9 shall oppose and, if necessary, veto one-sided or anti-Israel resolutions at the United
10 Nations Security Council; and

11 WHEREAS, on December 23, 2016, the United States Permanent Representative to
12 the United Nations departed from longstanding United States policy by permitting United
13 Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 to be adopted under Chapter VI of the United
14 Nations Charter; and

15 WHEREAS, United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 claims that "the
16 establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967,
17 including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under
18 international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a
19 just, lasting, and comprehensive peace"; and

20 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
21 stands in solidarity with its friends and allies in Israel in condemnation of United Nations
22 Security Council Resolution 2334; and

23 WHEREAS, the members also object to United Nations Security Council
24 Resolution 2334's bias against Israel and the fact that it does not directly call upon
25 Palestinian leadership to fulfill its obligation or mention that part of the eventual
26 Palestinian state is controlled by Hamas, a designated terrorist organization;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby object to
4 United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334.

5 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives reaffirm their positive
6 relationship with their brothers and sisters in Israel, and acknowledge that a peace
7 agreement between Israel and the Palestinians will come only through direct negotiations
8 between the two parties.

9 ➔Section 3. The members of the House of Representatives call for United
10 Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 to be repealed and/or altered so that it is no
11 longer anti-Israel.

12 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jim DeCesare.